



Old City Hall. This impressive landmark stands as a symbol of the revitalization and rebirth of downtown Tacoma. It was built in 1893, by Chinese bricklayers,

with brick used as ballast in European sailing ships. Now this graceful old building provides space for some 40 shops, restaurants and a proposed theatre.

**We live here, too.** It's in shops, restaurants and service enterprises like those found in the new "Old City Hall," that

the true economic value of St. Regis is felt. Have you ever considered the fact that St. Regis 1,857 employees pour 1.8 million dollars in salaries back into our local economy each month? One million eight hundred thousand dollars spent on groceries, house payments, utilities, restaurants, entertainment and services. That adds up to more than 26 million dollars a year, helping to stabilize and revitalize this community's economy.

**Top tax payer.** What's more, St. Regis as a corporation, ranks number one in terms of paying taxes into the county. Tax dollars that are used to improve schools, roads and community services.

In addition, state figures show each of our manufacturing jobs provides work for at least two more Tacoma area residents in related industries.

We want you to feel that having St. Regis live in your neighborhood is a pretty good idea.

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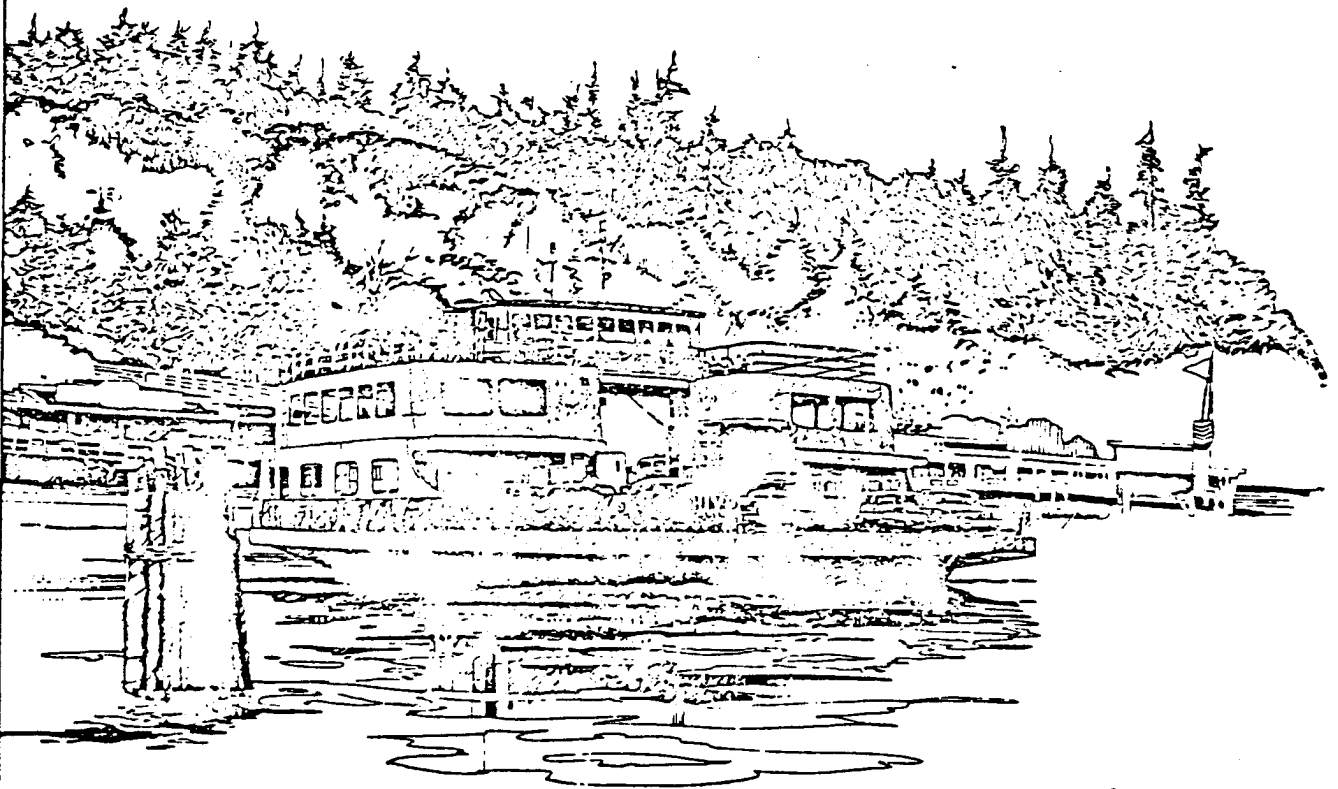
"Hiyu," the Vashon Ferry. Commissioned in 1967, "Hiyu" replaced the "Skansonia," which plied the waters between Point Defiance and Vashon Island for over 38 years. Years that saw the ferries change from all wood construction to all steel. Years that saw the waters of Commencement Bay and Puget Sound change

very little. We have to make sure that St. Regis does everything possible to preserve these valuable natural water resources.

The thirteen million dollar plan. St. Regis is constructing a secondary water treatment facility that will continue to protect our waters. The price tag is a big one. \$13,411,000 to be exact, but we feel it is well worth it.

We went beyond the government recommendations. Our project was started in response to the government's national water emission standards. However, St. Regis' motive for having complied with those standards goes beyond meeting a government decree. Our motive, in part, is a selfish one. A motive we share with each and every

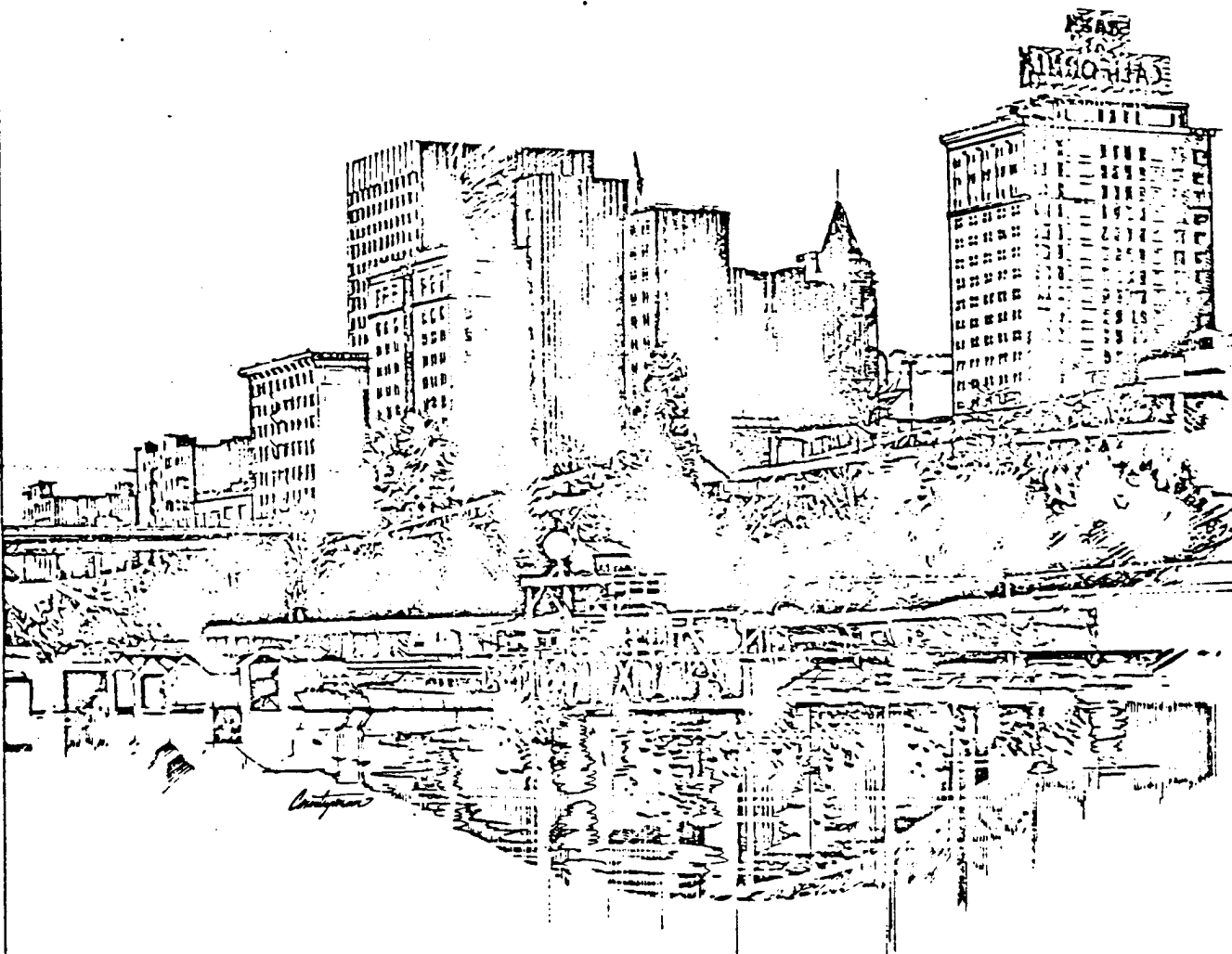
one of our fellow Tacomans. It is, simply, the preservation of a life-style we enjoy. A life-style that can only thrive in a clean environment. Clean air to breathe. Clear water for recreation. A life-style we want to enjoy today, and preserve for our children tomorrow.



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**Tacoma.** This is where it began. In 1873, the Northern Pacific Railroad selected a site on the bluff above Commencement Bay as terminus for its transcontinental line. The Bay location provided not only a beautiful site for this town, but also one of the world's greatest harbors. And from the beginning, Tacomans saw in it a rare opportunity to build a city where beauty and economic vantage would go hand-in-hand.

**"The City of Destiny."** When the first train crossed the Cascades in 1887, Tacoma became known as "The City of Destiny." In the next three years, the population grew from 5,000 to 36,000. But unlike other "boom towns," Tacoma distinguished its urban growth with sophisticated architecture, parks and street planning—setting a standard for many Pacific Northwest cities.

And Commencement Bay remains much the same today as it was then: both a center for water-borne commerce and a scenic vista that has inspired Tacomans with a commitment to conserve its beauty forever.

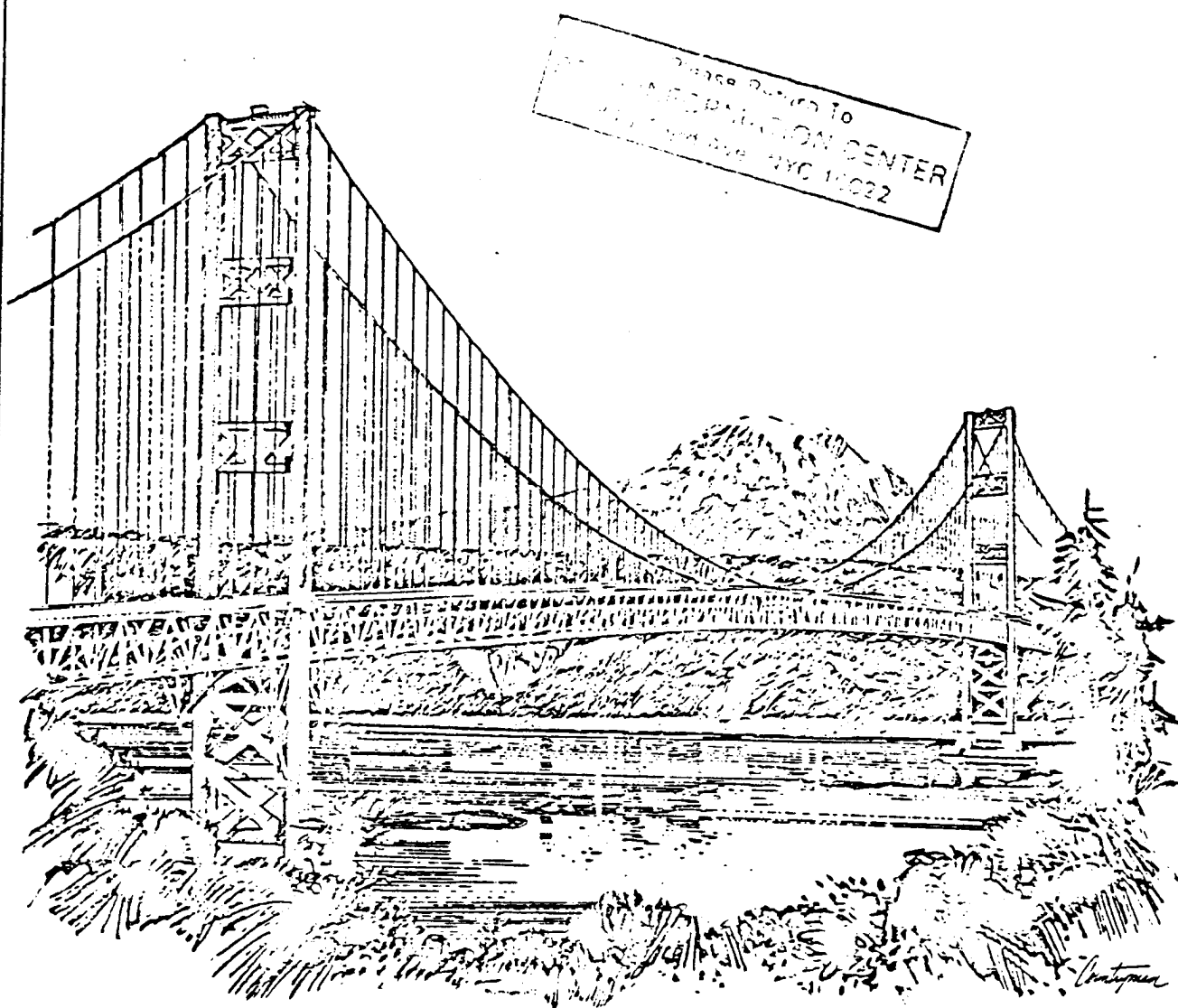
**A \$13.4 Million Commitment.** St. Regis has also made a long-range commitment to Commencement Bay. The commitment is expressed in our investment of \$13,411,000 in a secondary water treatment plant at the Tacoma pulp and paper mill. Development of the plant began in response to the Federal Water Control Act, and the focus for its development has been on the specific requirements of the Tacoma mill site. Special planning, engineering skill and dedication have gone into meeting those requirements to assure that in the future the clean waters and natural

abundance of Commencement Bay are conserved for our children as they were for us.

Our commitment to that promise for Tacoma's future is part of what we mean when we say

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**Tacoma Narrows.** Waterway to South Puget Sound and gateway to the Olympic Peninsula. Since its discovery in May, 1792 by Captain George Vancouver, the Narrows has taken its toll of victims attempting to navigate the unpredictable channel. Over the years, the

Narrows' swift tidal currents and changing winds have claimed everything from small vessels and a legendary 40-cannon gunboat to an unfortunate bridge that history has saddled with the nickname *Galloping Gertie*. The people of St. Regis are making sure any problems our neighbors have with any of Tacoma's waterways are caused by nature... and not by us.

**The Thirteen Million Dollar Plus Guarantee.** St. Regis is investing \$13,411,000 in a secondary water treatment facility that guarantees to our neighbors and ourselves that we

will continue to protect the waters surrounding our city. Sure... it's a big guarantee and it's expensive... but we feel the end result will be worth it. Because it's impossible to put a price tag on something as beautiful as clean water.

**We've Made An Investment Beyond Any Dollar Sign.** Certainly, we started the project in response to the government's broad national water emissions standards. But having complied with the hard facts of this act, we went further, and complied with its spirit. A spirit that assures future generations the enjoyment provided by our nation's waterways. Here in Tacoma those "waterways" are our waterways.

Those "future generations" are our children's... and theirs. Generations for whom we feel the best monument to leave behind is no monument at all. Rather to leave behind things as close to the way we found them as possible. It's another example of what we mean when we say, "We don't just work here, we live here, too."

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